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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 4 November 1953, the fourth story of building No 4 in the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin was occupied about 50 percent by about 150 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia and belonging to Unit Dronov. On 30 October, source observed 31 SU-100 guns [REDACTED] and 57 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] in the motor vehicle sheds and tank sheds of the unit. On 30 October, the quarters of Unit Kovalenko in the Fridericus Kaserne were occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and about 140 officers. Source determined 9 SU-100 guns and 39 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] in the sheds of the unit.

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On 5 November, 50 percent of the fourth story of building No 4 in the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia and belonging to Unit Zalikov. Source determined [REDACTED] in the quartering area of the unit. On 13 November, 50 percent of the third story of building No 4 in the Fridericus Kaserne were occupied by Unit Fedonkov. [REDACTED] Between 20 and 30 October, about 500 troops from the Fridericus Kaserne were discharged in groups of about 30 soldiers, with a band playing during the ceremonies. The troops and their baggage were subsequently trucked to the station. Replacements who, according to statements by several soldiers, had completed 1 year of service in the USSR, had already arrived. They wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. No recruits arrived after 4 November. At about noon on 11 November, a truck occupied by about 25 troops with baggage left the installation. On 11 November, source determined that one Momotenkov (fnu), supply officer of the division, rode sedan [REDACTED]

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3. On 6 November, the quarters of Unit Balayev in the Friedrich Eranz Kaserne were occupied by about 300 troops, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. Pictures of rocket launchers and rocket launcher ammunition were seen in two instruction rooms. On 9 November, 6 soldiers engaged in service of the

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piece drill on a howitzer, about 30 troops engaged in physical training and about 30 troops carrying telephone equipment left the installation. [redacted]

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4. On 13 November, the See Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery and motor transport insignia. The discharges who had already left were replaced by recruits.

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5. On 13 November, source observed that 2 SP guns and 1 JS tank, which had arrived from the direction of Storbek, were being emplaced in the Gentzrode training area. Mobile targets, which were controlled from three bomb-proof shelters, were observed in the training area.

6. Between 9 and 13 November, source determined that the division commander was on leave; and that Lieutenant Colonel Shablakov (fnu), supply officer in the Wulkow ammunition depot, had been transferred to the USSR after 3 years of service in East Germany.²

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7. A label on an ampulla given to a German pedestrian hit by a Soviet truck read as follows: "Poison, omnopon (omnopron?) gr 1/3 Roche products Ltd Welwyn (?) Garden City".

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8. On 11 November, the former post hospital was occupied as previously by the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] The division was commanded as previously by Colonel Potyemkin (fnu), and Lieutenant Colonel Momotenko (fnu) G-4 of the division, was on leave in the USSR. His deputy was Major Kuerkov (fnu) of the division headquarters. Lieutenant Besnozikov (fnu) was supply officer of the headquarters.

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9. Between 1 and 11 November, source determined that, on 1 November, Captain Chesnokov chief of the Kech of the division, was to be succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Plyaskin (fnu), who had already arrived, and that the unit in Neuruppin again employed German workers who had been furnished by the Kech. Lieutenant Muslimov (fnu) [redacted] stationed in the See Kaserne, was detached to the Kech.

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10. On 11 November, the Fridericus Kaserne had been reoccupied to capacity. All units were back at the installation, with the last elements returning about 1 November.

11. On 11 November, the See Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [redacted] with supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenko (fnu), occupied part of the vehicle shed in the cantonment at Schotenplatz. Rocket launchers were observed in this cantonment. About 70 to 90 recruits daily received instruction in the barracks area. Source determined that the quarters [redacted] in the See Kaserne were occupied to capacity during the period under review. T-34/85 tanks and JS-1 or JS-2 tanks were sheltered in the sheds.

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12. On 11 November, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne had been reoccupied to capacity. Source had the impression that the discharges had not yet left. About 205 to 300 recruits had so far arrived. On 1 November, 250 troops were seen leaving the installation. [redacted]

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13. Between 1 and 11 November, a driving school course, supervised by Major Kordov (fnu), was conducted in the former high school for girls. It was rumored that the school was scheduled to be reoccupied by a Soviet school.

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14. Between 1 and 11 November, source determined that Lieutenant Dashko (fnu), supply officer [redacted], was transferred to the USSR. Source was not able to identify his successor.³

15. During the period under review, source determined that the newly established komandatura in Neuruppin was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Alekseyev (fnu).⁴

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16. Source learned that wives of senior officers were expected to arrive soon and that they were scheduled to be quartered in the officers' club which, during the preceding 3 months, had been equipped with 12 gas stoves.

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17. Between 24 and 26 October, 3 T-34 tanks were seen firing at the Gentzrode firing range. During the period under review, trucks [redacted] were seen en route toward the Gentzrode training grounds, coming from the direction of Neuruppin.⁵

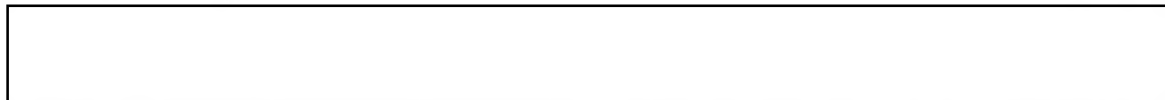
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2. [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Shablakov (fnu), supply officer in the Wulkow ammunition depot, may be Lieutenant Colonel Shlapnikov (fnu) reported by another source in July 1950.

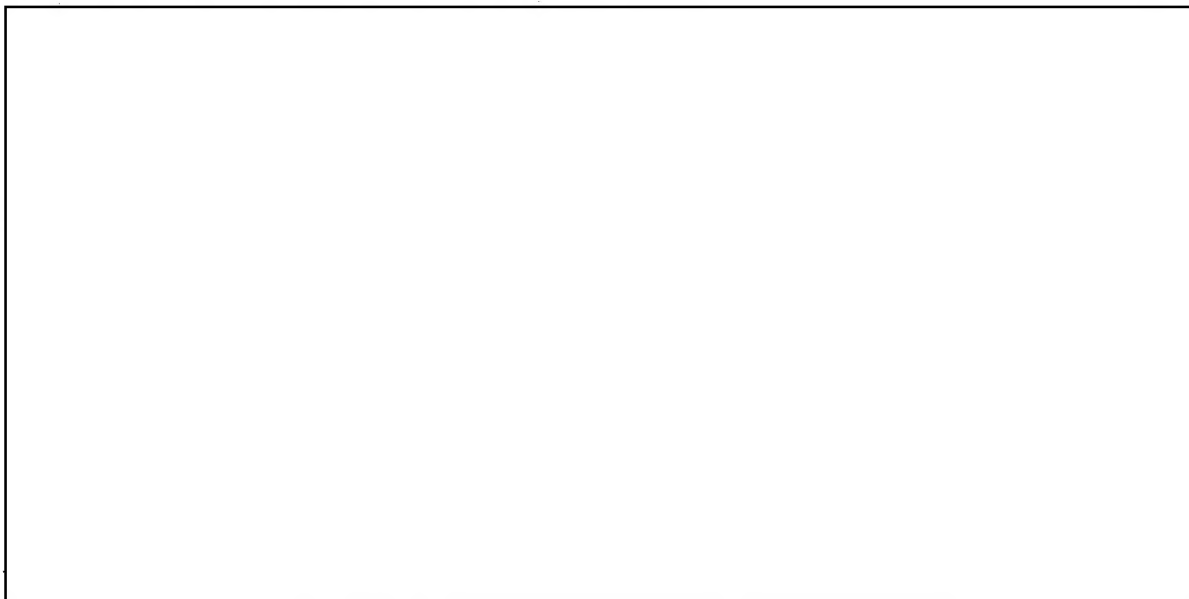
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4. [redacted] Comment. The komandatura is located either at the intersection of Neustaedter Strasse and the former Bismarckstrasse or at 19 to 21 Seeufer. Lieutenant Colonel Alekseyev (fnu) is reported for the first time.

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